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## I SAW A CROSS

Now I saw in my dream, that the highway up which Christian was to go was fenced on either side with a wall, and that wall was called Salvation. Up this way, therefore, did burdened Christian run, but not without great difficulty, because of the load on his back.

He ran thus till he came to a place somewhat ascending; and upon that place stood a Cross, and a little below, in the bottom, a sepulchre. So I saw in my dream that just as Christian came up with the Cross, his burden loosed from off his shoulders, and fell off his back, and began to tumble, and so continued to do till it came to the mouth of the sepulchre, where it fell in, and I saw it no more.

Then was Christian glad and lightsome, and said with a merry heart, "He hath given me rest by His sorrow, and life by His death." Then he stood still awhile to look and wonder; for it was very surprising to him that the sight of the Cross should thus ease him of his burden. He looked therefore, and looked again, even till the springs that were in his head sent the waters down his cheeks.

Now as he stood looking and weeping, behold, three shining ones came to him, and saluted him with "Peace be to thee." So the first said to him, "Thy sins be forgiven thee"; the second stripped him of his rags, and clothed him with a change of raiment; the third also set a mark on his forehead; and gave him a scroll with a seal upon it, which he bid him look on as he ran, and that he should give it in at the celestial gate; so they went their way. Then Christian gave three leaps for joy and went on his way singing.

John Bunyan (17th Century) from Pilgrim's Progress



# News and Notes

**Humboldt, Iowa.** The congregation has bought a house in Humboldt, which will be used as a parsonage. This purchase was made possible because Mr. Henry Erickson gave a farm to the congregation. The money realized on the farm was to be used for a parsonage.

Humboldt and Rutland have been one charge so far, and the pastor has lived at Rutland. The church at Rutland is in the country, and the church at Humboldt is in the town. The Rev. Wesley M. Andersen is pastor of both churches.

**Eugene, Oregon.** Emmaus Lutheran, Pastor H. A. Svendsen. A successful Daily Vacation Bible School with 80 children was recently concluded. Beverly Hodson and Phillip Vaughan were married June 27. Three faithful members have recently passed away: Emil Oscar Peterson, H. H. Hansen, and Bart Hansen. They were all elderly men.

**Salmonhurst, N. B.** It was a happy occasion for St. Peter's and Bethany Lutheran Churches, Salmonhurst, New Brunswick, when Pastor and Mrs. Fred V. Jensen arrived in the parish on August 12, 1954.

On Sunday, August 15, Pastor Jensen was installed in St. Peter's Lutheran Church at 10:30 a. m., and in Bethany Lutheran Church 2:30 p. m., by the Atlantic District Vice President, Pastor Elmer W. Anderson, of Westbrook, Maine.

At the Installation Service mention was made that Pastor Fred V. Jensen's father, Dr. J. M. Jensen, had from the same pulpit preached his initial sermon after having been installed in the same parish thirty-two years ago. Such a coincidence is certainly unique, and it would be interesting to learn if there are other father and son Pastors who have both preached their initial sermon from the same pulpit. —E. W. A.

**THE NEBRASKA DISTRICT** is scheduled to hold its 50th Annual Convention in Bluffs Trinity Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska, Sept. 23rd to 26th. The opening service with Holy Communion, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. All the congregations within the District please send your allotted delegates and we urge all our pastors of the District to attend.

Pray for God's blessings upon the convention.

M. G. Christensen, Pres.  
A. L. Madsen, Sec.

The Bluffs Trinity Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebr., cordially invites all pastors, delegates and guests to the Nebraska District Convention to be held at the church Sept. 23rd to 26th. Lodging will be furnished and meals will be served at the church. Reservations for lodging should be sent in advance to Bluffs Trinity Lutheran Church Rt. 1, Fremont, Nebr. Week day services and meals will be at the church; Sunday services and noon meal will be at the Fremont City Auditorium.

Raymond Francis, Pres.  
Andrew P. Staby, Pastor

## COMMUNITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, GENEVA, MINNESOTA, TO DEDICATE ENLARGED CHURCH

Community Lutheran Church, Geneva, Minnesota, will dedicate their remodeled and enlarged church and their new parish hall, Sunday, September 19, 1954, at 2:00 P. M., with Dr. H. C. Jersild, president of the U. E. L. C., officiating. Former pastors, H. P. K. Hansen, Arnold H. Anderson, Immanuel Petersen, B. J. Engskow and A. Th. Schultz who served as interim pastor in 1952, have been invited to return. A series of special meetings will be held from Sunday through Wednesday of that week in connection with the Dedication at which the former pastors have been invited to speak.

The dedication theme is "Christ, the Lord of the Church," and the theme is Revelation 11:15, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."

Community Lutheran Church began as Godthaab Dansk Evangeliske Luther-ske Kirke, November 10, 1909, under the leadership of Pastor M. O. Block with nine families present at the organizational meeting. The original place of worship was the "Union Church" of Geneva, a structure erected in the center of the village and which was free to all religious denominations. "The building's interior was very plain with only a raised platform in front, plain wooden chairs and a stove near one side. There was little here to remind

the Danish people of the stone church of their homeland, with their altars, high pulpits and carved pews, hunger for the Sacraments and the Word of God drew them together in worship.

"Here was no hewn granite baptismal font; instead a small table with a chalice bowl and pitcher—but the words 'baptize thee—' were the same. Here was no leather nor red plush on which to kneel at the communion rail but the words 'Unto thee the forgiveness of thy sins—' gave peace to the heart. Here indeed was no altar at all but Christ was present in the bare little church."

In 1927 the Lutheran congregation bought the Union Church building for one hundred dollars, moved it to a new site in the south part of the village, built a new basement under it and extensively remodeled it. The cornerstone of the remodeled church was laid July 29, 1928, by Pastor H. W. Bondo. Albert Lea who was then serving the congregation on a temporary basis. At this time the name of the congregation was changed to "The Community Lutheran Church," a memorial to the early settlers who had caused the Union Church to be built.

During the years the congregation experienced slow but steady growth, that recently the church became very small, especially in the Sunday School Department. Therefore, at the Annual Meeting in January 1953, it was decided to enlarge the church and build a parsonage.

The chancel end of the church was removed. The building was then extended south thirty-two feet both upstairs and down increasing the seating capacity by approximately one hundred twenty-five, greatly enlarging and improving the social hall and making possible a new kitchen. A parish hall thirty-two by thirty-eight feet was added to the west with seven individual class rooms, a church office, choir room, furnace room and lavatories.

The project began February 16, 1953 and enough had been completed by May second to conduct services in the church again.

Former members of the congregation and nearby congregations are cordially invited to attend the Dedication Services. —By Mrs. Ralph Wineberg

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**EBEN-EZER LUTHERAN HOME  
AND HOSPITAL  
(EBEN-EZER MERCY INSTITUTE)  
Brush Colorado  
1904 - 1954**

When you travel west from Omaha towards the Rocky Mountains on highway 34 you notice, just outside Brush, Colorado, an impressive gate in Gothic style leading to spacious grounds with rows of trees, and among the trees several buildings and a church, all in Gothic architecture.

The inscription on the gate at Eben-Ezer means: "Hitherto the Lord has helped us," a fitting name for a home of mercy; for mercy can not be bought. The name was chosen by a man who gave his life and work on trust and fidelity to God's faithfulness towards every one who entered to be helped or helped. - On the inner side of the Gate is written "Mizpah" - The Lord watch between you and me (Gen. 31:49) an assurance to those who leave after having left their dear ones to the loving care of Eben-Ezer.

It was in 1904 that Rev. Jens Madsen, formerly of Potter, Nebr. and visiting minister of Brush, together with friends bought 35 acres of prairie land west of Brush. He wanted to build a nursing home for people suffering from Consumption and a deaconess mother-house in which to train men and women for service in the spirit of Him who came into the world to serve and give His life for others. Pastor Madsen had offered himself, and he felt the call to have himself knocked on the doors in the name of a friend. - Farmer John Thors helped plant thousands of trees and build small tents for the sick.



**Rev. J. Madsen's grave  
at Eben-Ezer Cemetery**

And helpers came to nurse the sick who crowded into the Home. Among the first helpers were Brother Andersen, Brother Henriksen, Sister Ingebörg, Sister Sena, Sister Katherine and others. - To help in the spiritual care came Student N. C. Carlsen, later president of U. E. L. C. synod. - Friends from all churches in the A. E. L. and U. E. L. C. synods helped to build: "Nazareth," "Bethesda," "Elim Hospital" and—not least—All Saints' Chapel, of outstandingly beautiful architecture.

When the State took over care of

T. B. patients Pastor Madsen turned to the care of the chronically ill, crippled, blind and aged people. He adopted the motto of the founder of the Diaconate, Th. Fliedner: "Help those who need you most!"

Fifty years have passed. - Pastor Madsen and his faithful helper Mrs. Madsen have passed on. But the Sisters have carried on under the leadership of Rev. M. Jorgensen and Rev. I. M. Andersen, and given Eben-Ezer a State-wide reputation for its high quality of care for the aged and helpless. - But the Home is crowded from basement to roof. More room and better nursing facilities for bedfast chronically ill are urgent. - The first State conference for care of Geriatrics, held at Eben-Ezer this year, emphasized the increasing need.

The church throughout its history has recognized its obligation to the care of sick and suffering to body and soul in the spirit of its Lord and Master and has always extended a special call to workers to give their lives in the ministry of mercy. Pastor Madsen and his helpers heeded that call—Eben-Ezer is still appealing to the churches for workers as well as for funds.

The Board of Trustees—Dr. H. C. Jersild, President, Pastor H. Strand-skov Vice-President—have therefore recommended a Fifty Year Jubilee Appeal to our churches on the **Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity** (Sept. 12) for funds to build a **Madsen Memorial Building** for chronically ill. - Special envelopes will be mailed to you for that purpose.

Sincerely,  
V. E. Bagger, Supt.

**Its Borne Out by  
His Experiences**

You may write it down in your hat, you have ambitions to be a top-achiever, that:

You'll live in thought, word and deed the religion you profess on Sunday the rest of the week;

You'll make the Christ-revealed God your partner in whatever you undertake;

You'll never be satisfied to rest on your past laurels;

You'll always be willing to learn from others;

You'll not be satisfied with anything less than your best;

You'll never knock anybody or anything;

You'll learn to control yourself first before trying to control others;

You'll always be open to new ideas and ways of doing things;

You'll not expect of others what you're not willing to do yourself;

You'll learn to cooperate and work harmoniously with others which is the first lesson in good human relationships; and

You'll value your character more than your reputation.

**A Brief Description  
Of a Short Life**

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman.

He grew up in an obscure village.

He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty, and then for three years he was an itinerant preacher.

He never wrote a book.

He never held an office.

He never had a family.

He never owned a home.

He never went to college.

He never put his foot inside a big city.

He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born.

He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness.

He had nothing to do with in this world except the naked power of his divine manhood.

While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him.

His friends ran away.

One of them denied him.

He was turned over to his enemies.

He went through the mockery of a trial.

He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves.

His executioners gambled, while

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# Our Foreign Mission Fields

Edited by Rev. K. R. Jensen, Viborg, South Dakota

## THE SMOKE OF A THOUSAND VILLAGES

The smoke of a thousand villages  
Where Christ is little known,  
Seeps through the morning sunlight  
And drifts towards His Throne.  
From Heaven's height in sorrow  
He bends to touch and bless  
Some heart, whose loving service  
Can bring them happiness.  
From "Poems of the African Trail,"  
—Elwood L. Haines

Are heathen people happy in their heathen ways of living?  
Perhaps this story will answer the question for you.

## ONE OF MY BLACK DAUGHTERS

By Torbjorg Loken

Her Christian name was Annie; but as the Zulus have their own wonderful way of pronouncing names, it got to be Eni. And as Eni I have learned to know her. It was late in the evening when she came here. Someone was struggling with my door—not that my door is hard or difficult to open, but if you haven't seen a European door very often it is kind of an experiment to open one! Well, she did succeed, and there stood Eni with a big cap pulled far down over her ears. She looked so scared when she came that I was afraid she would run away before I could learn why she came. She wanted to stay here at the school hostel, and little by little she told me her sad story.

### Worth Several Cows

She was from one of our outstations, and around her home place there were many heathens. Eni had been one of the lucky ones who had gone to school and became a Christian. "But now they want me out of school," she said, "because my brother wants to marry me off." Marry her off! She was still only a child of fifteen! It was not very long ago that she played with dolls made out of red clay, and now she was supposed to be married to an old, heathen man who already had many wives to welcome her. The heathen man would pay many cows for her, as the Zulu custom is, and just now these cows were badly needed because her brother wanted them to pay for his wife! However, Eni had learned enough from her Bible to understand that a heathen man's harem is not the right place for a child of God. The only place of safety that she knew about was the mission station and so it happened that I found her struggling with my door that evening.

I have heard missionaries tell about things like this and have also read about it, but to experience it fills one with horror! This must be outright slavery.

### Happy But Scared

Eni is one of the happiest of my "black daughters" here at the girl's home. She knows the value of a Christian home. She has a bed from my nice Norwegian **filleryer** (rugs), the only "bedding" I could spare. In the evening, when sitting down for studies with the other children, she can get a scared, frightened look if somebody is walking outside. It might be her brother coming to get her; he might even have the police along to force her to go. The law seems to be against such a scared, young girl here in this country. The missionary in charge is still trying to settle the question with her family.

Pray for Eni that she may grow up as a natural young girl and may one day get her own happy, Christian home.

## BEGINNINGS OF AN INDIGENOUS CHURCH IN COLOMBIA

By Helen Danielson

Mission boards have several objectives in view as work begun on our mission fields. We are all agreed that their great objective is that of establishing an indigenous church as soon as possible, a self-supporting and self-governing church. This being true, we realize more and more the importance of intelligent planning in our mission work in the field.

It is clear that if an indigenous church is to be built on foreign soil, and indigenous ministry must be provided; the necessity for seminaries. This year marked a great highlight in our Lutheran work in Colombia when our first young men finished their seminary training. After a year of internship they will be ordained. Within a year, another group will be ready for internship.

Self-government and self-support of the native church in the mission field is of vital importance. Our native church will stand or fall depending on how we train it. Each church must learn to stand alone and our task is but to help it learn to walk.

We realize that more and more responsibility must be placed upon the native church and leaders if we are to reach that goal. At the missionary and Colombia conference we had, a committee was chosen to begin the forming of our indigenous church. We usually go through three stages in mission work: first, missionaries begin work, secondly, missionaries and nationals carry the burden of the work together, thirdly, the nationals take over full responsibility. We have now entered the second stage, and for this we are thankful.

We know our third aim will be reached only after a time. I refer to complete self-government and self-support. However, it has been a joy to see the first step reached and we were thankful that Dr. Syrdal could be with us at this important conference, to enlighten us as how to go ahead and go on in this step of the way. Rev. Archie Morck also cheered us by a visit in our midst at this time.

Will our indigenous church sooner or later be able to stand on alone? Will it not make many mistakes? Undoubtedly. No child learns to walk without occasional falls. An indigenous church will have to learn in the same way.

The Colombian church still needs us:

We still have but a few trained Colombian workers and pastors; we need many more.

The Colombian church cannot stand on its own feet financially. We must help until the churches are self-supporting.

We still need to carry on training of workers.

We need more and better literature and texts to carry on the work in Spanish.

We need to carry on a more aggressive student work; for this group our leaders must come.

Since Colombian doctors have shown their interest and desire to work with us on the field, we need to strengthen the medical work.

And above all, souls are going to a Christless grave every day. They will be lost unless we rescue them. Can we fail?



## The Second World Assembly

By John M. Jensen

I am just back from Evanston, Ill., where I spent 10 days attending the Second World Assembly of the World Council of Churches. 600 delegates and 1200 accredited visitors and a number of consultants from 162 member churches from 48 lands spent 14 days together discussing the theme, Christ—the hope of the world. This main theme was brought to bear on all other themes discussed.

Looking back on this international gathering certain things come to mind, that I want to share with you. I shall return to a number of the ideas and addresses later. Pastors J. M. Girtz, L. Siersbeck, and C. M. Videbeck will also write their impressions and evaluations later.

I am first thinking of the representatives from the younger churches. Here are some of the countries that sent delegates: Burma, Ceylon, Cyprus, Egypt, Ethiopia, Formosa, Gold Coast, India, Indonesia, Iran, Korea, Philippine Islands, Japan, South Africa, Syria and Lebanon, Thailand, Turkey, etc. Of course there were no delegates from China. But some of the native delegates of these different churches made a great impression by their addresses and their powerful witness.

100 years ago very few representatives could have come from these countries, because Christianity had barely been planted there. Now the churches in these lands are beginning to stand on their own feet. Some of the most powerful addresses were given by men from these young churches.

One heavy cloud was noted when reference was made to Communism. That dark cloud was always on the horizon. Dr. Charles Malik, a member of the Orthodox Church from Syria, and well known in the United States as a representative in the United Nations, said: "Communism can never be opposed in Asia and Africa by a mere negation. The cultural and racial continuities between the Communist world and Asia and Africa, and the cultural and racial discontinuities between Asia and Africa and the Christian world, these two things are too great and too mutually reinforcing, for Communism to be swept back only by negation. At the present rate of spiritual impotence, with the protective covering of the hydrogen bomb, it is only a matter of time before the whole of Asia and Africa, and maybe even Europe, will be engulfed by Communism.

"What is desperately needed, besides the highest political wisdom, is a ringing positive message, one of reality, of truth and of hope. Communism exposes the inadequacy, if not the bankruptcy, of the Western-imperialistic and the smug-Christian approach of the past. Something infinitely more humble, more profound, more positively outreaching, something touching the hearts of men, touching their need for fellowship and understanding and love, for being included and being trusted, something providing them with real hope, hope

for themselves and their children, hope in this life as well as in the next, something of this order is needed. This Something is Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord."

No wonder that Dr. Malik got a great applause when he was through speaking.

Some one may ask: What was the result of this world meeting? The answer to this question is that it is impossible to put it on paper. Evanston did not produce any magic formula for the world's ills. That formula we already have in the crucified and risen Christ. The resolutions or statements made at Evanston might not be better than at other meetings. But the great thing was that people got together, that they met and talked about their common hope in Christ. One night I talked with a labor leader from the United States, who wanted some theology clarified. The next night I had coffee with an English industrialist. Then I sat talking to a German bishop or a bishop from Denmark or Norway. The next hour might find me talking to a young writer from India, a Presbyterian woman from Egypt, or a Methodist pastor from New Zealand, an Anglican bishop and his wife from Hull, England. These were my experiences, but when you multiply mine with 3000 people from all over the world talking about the different points of view, then you begin to get an idea of what Evanston may mean in the days to come.

Our daily press conferences were very stimulating. About 600 men and women representing the religious and secular press met from 2 till 3 every afternoon with Mr. Charles P. Taft, brother of the late Senator Taft. Mr. Taft brought to the conferences men and women who had spoken at the Assembly. Now we could ask questions and get their answers.

I am sure that the visitors and delegates got a good impression of America at Evanston. The organization of the assembly was perfect. Busses brought the delegates and visitors to the great Assembly hall and back again to the University Campus, where they were lodged. There was no charge for this service.

Three languages were used, English, German and French. But earphones were provided, so you could listen to a translation, if you did not understand the language spoken.

A final impression: It was at the devotion after the evening addresses. A negro pastor had charge of the hour. We sang and then he read from the Book of Revelation about the great crowd in heaven singing the song of the Lamb, the redeemed of the Lamb. There we were people of different nations, races and colors, praying together and confessing the same faith in the triune God. That is the Hope of the world, faith in Christ put into action both in America and the rest of the world.



## BY THE FIRESIDE

### THE SANCTUARY OF SOLITUDE

By Robert B. Pattison

"I am not alone, but I and the Father."  
—John 8:16.

Christ's was a life of loneliness:  
The desert places felt his tread;  
Others their households might possess,  
He had no place to lay his head.  
Amidst Gethsemane's distress  
His friends forsook him, and they fled.  
But, "I am not alone," said he,  
For God possessed him perfectly.  
Christ speaks thus to my lonesome  
hour,  
And joys of life are all renewed;  
My solitude is filled with power  
When with God's love it is endued.  
Then blossoms life's serenest flowers  
The ecstasy of solitude!

### WHAT MAKES MEN STRONG?

By J. Edgar Hoover

Director of the Federal Bureau  
of Investigation

"Trust in the Lord with all thine  
heart, and lean not unto thine own  
understanding."  
—Proverbs 3:5.

Through many years of active life,  
and the observation of many kinds of  
people, I have found that the strongest,  
wisest, most competent and reliable  
man is also the first to admit his in-  
adequacy.

Contradictory though it may sound,  
he is strong **because** he is humble—and  
remembers always that man is the  
creation of God. No rule of life is more  
basic.

When man "leans on his own under-  
standing" ... when he lives by his own  
strength ... when he boasts of probing  
the mysteries of the atom, the depths  
of the sea or the secrets of outer space  
—he forgets God and claims he is his  
own master. The result is untold suffer-  
ing.

Even though one's position is main-  
tained, even though material wealth  
increases, success quickly turns to  
failure when God has been forgotten.  
There is no peace of mind, no personal  
satisfaction, no personal experience of  
inward joy.

To "trust in the Lord with all thine  
heart" is a mark of strength. And it is  
the only path to happiness, success and  
true fulfillment.

### THE NEXT STEP

"A journey of a thousand miles  
begins with a single step."

Some years ago my young son came  
rushing up to me, "Dad, I've got an  
idea for you." He was reading a book  
on China. The author described a con-  
versation between a young Chinese  
communist and a Christian about as  
follows:

**Communist youth:** "Do you know  
why you Christians are not progressing  
as rapidly with your 'way of Life' as  
we are with our? It's because we have  
learned the lesson—that all progress is  
made step by step. You are unwilling  
to start unless you see each step and the  
destination. We know that if we would  
walk a thousand miles, we must first  
take one step, then another and another.  
If we keep on, we always arrive—but  
only if we first take one step and then  
see to it that each day brings its share  
of progress.

There is a world of wisdom in these  
words. It requires faith and enthusiasm  
to take that first step. The following  
steps are seldom clear to us until we  
have taken the first. Many times I find  
myself perplexed and wondering "What  
will I do tomorrow?" But I have always  
found that if I do the obvious, simple  
thing today, tomorrow will take care  
of itself. If our faith is insufficient for  
today, we are unworthy of tomorrow.

If our life is properly directed to-  
wards God's will—if we earnestly seek  
His guidance day by day and hour by  
hour—the result is a magic unfoldment  
that one cannot understand, but can  
only accept.

Whenever I face a perplexing  
problem, my prayer is "God show me  
the Next Step." He has never failed and  
He never will—but only if I take the  
First Step.

—M. J. Evans.

### TO HAVE, TO HOLD

Love that is hoarded, moulds at last  
Until we know some day  
The only thing we ever have  
Is what we give away.

And kindness that is never used  
But hidden all alone  
Will slowly harden till it is  
As hard as any stone.

It is the things we always hold  
That we will lose some day;  
The only things we ever keep  
Are what we give away.

—Louis Ginsberg, Selected.

### OBEDIENT

When unexpected guests arrived  
lunchtime, the flustered hostess  
whispered to her young son, "John  
run to the store and get three avocados  
but be sure to pinch 'em first."

The 8-year-old returned in five  
minutes, grinning triumphantly. "Look  
Mom, I pinched a whole bag full!"

—Wall Street Journal

A minister, making a call, was sitting  
in the parlor with his hostess when his  
small son came running in carrying a  
dead rat.

"Don't worry, Mother, it's dead. We  
bashed him and beat him until—" and  
noticing the minister for the first time,  
he added in a lowered voice, "until  
God called him home."

"I hope you don't think me too young  
for marriage with your daughter,"  
said the young man anxiously.

"That's all right, my boy," was the  
cheerful reply. "You'll age fast enough!"

### THE SUSTAINING POWER

By Anna-Modine Moran

Immense terrestrial ball  
Hanging in limitless space:  
Oceans, mountains, forests, all  
Cling to its globular face.  
Not one drop of water is spilled  
Over the rim of the world;  
Not one mountain, not one tree  
To the bottomless deep is hurled.  
No foundation but atmosphere  
Over, under, around.  
Daily this globe on its axis turns  
By the laws of gravity bound.  
O mighty God! Thy power sustains  
This earth. Each stream, tree,  
and hill  
Obeys the laws of gravity bound—  
Subject to Thy will.

—Signs of The Times.

### PRAYER

Lord, thy glory fills the heaven;  
Earth is with its fulness stored;  
Unto thee be glory given,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord!  
Heaven is still with anthems ringing  
Earth takes up the angels' cry,  
Holy, holy, holy singing,  
Lord of Hosts, thou Lord most high.

Richard Mant.



# **Brief Description . . .** (Continued from page 3)

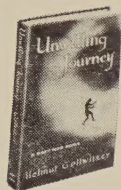
he was dying, for the only piece of property he had on earth—and that was his coat.

When he was dead he was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone, and today he is the center-piece of the human race and the lead- ing of the column of progress.

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|---|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| <b>Total synodical budget \$256,668.60</b>  |                   |                          |                |                 |                 |                   |                 |                      |
| Previously acknowledged   | 22006.35          | 1804.91                  | 8473.85        | 2377.83         | 5142.63         | 1264.58           | 268.09          | 2674                 |
| Northfield, Minn., members of Circle No. 3 of St. Peter's Luth. Church<br>for Elim Home, Elk Horn, Ia.  | 15.00             | 15.00                    |                |                 |                 |                   |                 |                      |
| Caruthers, Calif., Our Savior's Luth. Sunday School   | 22.00             |                          |                |                 |                 | 22.00             |                 |                      |
| Avoca, Ia., Sunday School of the English Luth. Church   | 28.18             |                          |                |                 | 28.18           |                   |                 |                      |
| Coalbridge, Mont., Emmaus Luth. Church in memory of Pastor C. C.<br>Mengers   | 10.00             |                          |                |                 |                 |                   |                 | 10.                  |
| Rutland, Ia., in memory of Mrs. N. C. Madsen of Trinity Luth. Church<br>\$10 for Elim Home, Elk Horn, \$25 for the School Fund and \$65<br>for the Pension Fund | 100.00            | 10.00                    | 25.00          |                 |                 |                   |                 | 65.                  |
| Denver, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Petersen in memory of Effie John-<br>son, Denmark, Wis.  | 2.00              |                          |                |                 | 2.00            |                   |                 |                      |
| Sidney, Mont., Brorson Ladies Aid in memory of Mrs. Ben Hubby   | 2.50              |                          |                |                 | 2.50            |                   |                 |                      |
| Kansas City, Kan., Westwood Luth. Church  | 40.00             |                          |                |                 |                 |                   |                 | 40.                  |
| Easton, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Chris Christensen and Dorothy Christen-<br>sen in memory of Bart Hansen, Eugene, Ore.  | 7.00              |                          |                |                 | 7.00            |                   |                 |                      |
| Luck, Wis., Willing Workers in memory of Mrs. Tegchout  | 2.00              |                          |                |                 | 2.00            |                   |                 |                      |
| Eugene, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. A. Chris Andersen of Bethesda Church in<br>memory of Bart Hansen   | 3.00              |                          |                |                 | 3.00            |                   |                 |                      |
| Elk Horn, Ia., Miss Edel Hansen   | 20.00             |                          |                |                 | 5.00            | 5.00              |                 | 10.                  |
| Evan, Minn., St. Matthew's Luth. Church in memory of Albert Christen-<br>sen  | 4.00              |                          |                |                 | 4.00            |                   |                 |                      |
| Pasadena, Calif., Bethany Luth. Church  | 200.00            |                          |                |                 |                 |                   |                 | 200.                 |
| Sidney, Mont., Pella Foreign Mission Society  | 26.82             |                          |                |                 |                 | 26.82             |                 |                      |
| Lynwood, Calif., St. Paul's Luth. Church  | 825.00            | 50.00                    | 425.00         |                 | 150.00          |                   |                 | 200.                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>23313.85</b>   | <b>1879.91</b>           | <b>8923.85</b> | <b>2377.83</b>  | <b>5346.31</b>  | <b>1318.40</b>    | <b>268.09</b>   | <b>3199.</b>         |

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|  | Total<br>Received | Japan<br>Mission | South<br>Amer.<br>Mission | Santal<br>Mission | Sudan<br>Mission | Jewish<br>Mission | China<br>Mission | L.W.A.          | Gen. F<br>Foreign<br>Mission |
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| <b>Budget for 1954-1955</b>  |                   | <b>16000.00</b>  | <b>15500.00</b>           | <b>10000.00</b>   | <b>15000.00</b>  |                   |                  | <b>36720.00</b> |                              |
| Previously acknowledged  | 39417.70          | 3904.77          | 1973.80                   | 3377.19           | 5112.63          | 226.44            | 34.47            | 24553.40        | 235.                         |
| Laurens, N. Y., Ladies Aid of St. Matthew's Luth. Church   | 28.85             |                  |                           |                   | 28.85            |                   |                  |                 |                              |
| Sleepy Eye, Minn., Trinity Luth. Church  | 14.74             |                  |                           | 14.74             |                  |                   |                  |                 |                              |
| Springfield, Minn., Brookville Luth. Church  | 6.75              |                  |                           | 6.75              |                  |                   |                  |                 |                              |
| Caruthers, Calif., Our Savior's Luth. Church   | 23.80             |                  |                           | 23.80             |                  |                   |                  |                 |                              |
| Northfield, Minn., members of Circle No. 3 of St. Peter's Church<br>\$40 for a rural Chapel in Japan. \$10.00 of this gift was<br>from Mrs. John Nielsen | 40.00             | 40.00            |                           |                   |                  |                   |                  |                 |                              |
| Exira, Ia., Exira Luth. Church   | 37.05             |                  |                           |                   | 37.05            |                   |                  |                 |                              |
| Brush, Colo., First English Luth. Church   | 85.28             |                  |                           |                   |                  |                   |                  | 85.28           |                              |
| Rutland, Ia., in memory of Mrs. N. C. Madsen of Trinity Luth.<br>Church for Dr. Winther's work   | 10.75             | 10.75            |                           |                   |                  |                   |                  |                 |                              |
| Graettinger, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church  | 67.83             | 67.83            |                           |                   |                  |                   |                  |                 |                              |
| Camp Douglas, Wis., St. Stephen's Ev. Luth. Church   | 18.30             | 18.30            |                           |                   |                  |                   |                  |                 |                              |
| Fremont, Nebr., First Luth. Sunday School  | 50.00             |                  |                           |                   | 50.00            |                   |                  |                 |                              |
| Westby, Mont., Daneville Ladies Aid  | 10.00             | 10.00            |                           |                   |                  |                   |                  |                 |                              |
| Elk Horn, Ia., Mrs. J. J. Hansen, Salem Home   | 8.00              |                  |                           |                   | 4.00             |                   |                  | 4.00            |                              |
| Eugene, Ore., Emmaus Luth. Church  | 138.02            |                  |                           |                   |                  |                   |                  | 138.02          |                              |
| Elk Horn, Ia., Miss Edel Hansen  | 10.00             |                  |                           |                   |                  |                   |                  | 10.00           |                              |
| Coulter, Ia., Nazareth Luth. Sunday School   | 38.95             | 38.95            |                           |                   |                  |                   |                  |                 |                              |
| Berkeley, Calif., H. Rasmussen in memory of Peter Christensen  | 5.00              |                  |                           |                   |                  |                   |                  | 5.00            |                              |
| Selma, Calif., Pella Luth. Church  | 41.30             |                  |                           | 41.30             |                  |                   |                  |                 |                              |
| Lynwood, Calif., St. Paul's Luth. Church for Rev. Paul Johnsen,<br>Japan, for Sept. and October  | 600.00            | 600.00           |                           |                   |                  |                   |                  |                 |                              |
| Chicago, Ill., Atoneemnt S. S. for support of Munchi Tudu  | 100.00            |                  |                           | 100.00            |                  |                   |                  |                 |                              |
| Racine, Wis., Mrs. Stanley Due \$5 in memory of Mrs. Henry<br>Smith, \$5 in memory of Miss Dora Petersen, \$5 in memory of<br>Mrs. Christine Due         | 15.00             |                  |                           | 15.00             |                  |                   |                  |                 |                              |
| Mary Kron, Karen and Larry in memory of Mrs. T. M. Thom-<br>sen, Denver, Colo.   | 2.00              |                  |                           |                   | 2.00             |                   |                  |                 |                              |
| Atlanta, Ga., C. Mortensen in memory of Mrs. T. M. Thomsen,<br>Denver, Colo.   | 5.00              |                  | 5.00                      |                   |                  |                   |                  |                 |                              |
| Denver, Colo., the Thomsen family in memory of wife and moth-<br>er from husband and children  | 100.00            |                  | 100.00                    |                   |                  |                   |                  |                 |                              |
| Denmark, Wis., Our Savior's Ladies Aid in memory of Mrs. T.<br>M. Thomsen, Denver, Colo.   | 5.00              |                  |                           |                   | 5.00             |                   |                  |                 |                              |
| Denmark, Wis., Knutson Funeral Home in memory of Mrs. T.<br>M. Thomsen, Denver, Colo.  | 10.00             |                  | 5.00                      |                   | 5.00             |                   |                  |                 |                              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>40889.32</b>   | <b>4690.60</b>   | <b>2083.80</b>            | <b>3578.78</b>    | <b>5244.53</b>   | <b>226.44</b>     | <b>34.47</b>     | <b>23795.70</b> | <b>235.0</b>                 |

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